

Cookbook of Activities for Driver Education

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Objective: Why do we need headlights on?

INGREDIENTS

Adjustable flashlight

Black plastic trash bag

INSTRUCTIONS

Part I

Discuss visibility/personal limitations during dark hours. Point out limited visibility on cloudy day or at night.

Turn on the flashlight. Ask how many can see it?

Now put the flashlight in the black cloth/garbage bag. "Here is your car in a darken shadow. How many can see it now?"

Turn flashlight off.

"How many can see it now?"

Point out a car in the shadow, turn light on and off. Which would you rather see?

Part II

Ask for a volunteer. Hold flashlight to volunteer's side peripheral vision, flashlight on, pointed toward wall. Ask if they can see (they can't). Point out you can't tell if it's a flashlight or not. This is a car in the shadows with a driver who inadequately searches. Turn light toward volunteer's face and ask if they can see it. (Turn it on and off a few times). What would you rather have, a headlight on or off? How do you want to be seen by the tired, distracted, drunken driver? That's why we need headlights on.

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